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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing, to express my support for SB 426: AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DATA SHARING.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are an invaluable tool in disaster response, mitigation and recovery. As evidenced recently in numerous severe weather events (March 2010 Nor'Easter, Hurricane Irene, October 2011 "Snow'Easter"), access to accurate utility data is crucial to public safety. Having timely information about downed poles and power lines, can help emergency responders save lives. Access to this data will speed recovery efforts, and facilitate coordination and cooperation between utilities and the Towns they serve.

Utilities generally have unfettered access to municipal GIS data, and rightly so, but this "data loop" needs to be complimented by data sharing FROM the utilities to the Towns they serve. I therefore strongly urge the passage of SB 426.  
Sincerely,

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